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apud principium pontis, laudes et grates reversis legionibus habentem. Tacitus does not enlarge upon the incident and leaves us to conjecture as to Agrippina's words to the returned veterans and her means of obtaining a fresh supply of hand-knit socks, home-spun tunics, all-wool pajamas and other equipment for camp and hospital. As to the *fomenta* we may suppose them to be some kind of bandages or hot poultices. But how she got enough of them, whether other ladies were present to help, or whether her own fair hands laid them on the soldiers' wounds, we are not informed. It is evident, however, from the disapproval of the whole affair by Tiberius that she must have usurped the duties of some officers and made herself unduly conspicuous. Tacitus, as usual, is unfair to Tiberius. When the Emperor heard of Agrippina's demonstrative benevolence and assumption of the functions of the general, he naturally was annoyed, for he was a man who believed thoroughly in discipline and decorum. It surely is not necessary for the historian to assume that the Emperor discovered in this action of his nephew's wife disloyal motives and unholy ambitions. And how could Tacitus ever have known what Sejanus whispered in his master's ear on this occasion? The whole question of the presence of women in the camps became a subject of debate in the Senate somewhat later (Ann. 3.33) and these activities of Agrippina were evidently referred to then. However much we may admire the good qualities of this remarkable woman, we can hardly help justifying Tiberius in his criticism in this case.

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#### GREATER BOSTON CLASSICAL CLUB

The third meeting of those interested in the formation of a Greater Boston Classical Club was held at Boston University on Saturday, November 2. Mr. Albert S. Perkins, temporary chairman, presided. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Mr. Henry Penny-packer, Head Master, Boston Latin School; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Ellen F. Pendleton, President of Wellesley College, Professor A. H. Rice, Boston University, Professor Clifford H. Moore, Harvard University; Secretary, Mr. Clarence W. Gleason, Roxbury Latin School; Treasurer, Mr. Thornton Jenkins, Head Master, Malden High School; Censor, Albert S. Perkins, Dorchester High School.

ALBERT S. PERKINS, *Censor*.

#### THE CLASSICAL LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA

The autumn meeting of The Classical League of Philadelphia and Vicinity was held on Thursday evening, October 31. Dinner was served at 6.45. As it was Hallow E'en the atmosphere of the evening was spiritual and metaphysical rather than philological or archaeological. Although membership in The Classical League is restricted to teachers of Latin or Greek, it has already reached the total of eighty. Miss Edith F. Rice, of the Germantown High School, the President of the League, presided. Addresses were made by Dr. Ellis A. Schnabel, of the Northeast High School, Dr. Wilton W. Blancké, of the Central

High School, Professor John C. Rolfe, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Andrew Fleming West, Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University. The last feature on the program was an illustrated lecture on Athens by Professor Arthur W. Howes, of the Central High School.

ARTHUR W. HOWES, *Secretary*.

#### THE NEW YORK CLASSICAL CLUB

On November 2 The New York Classical Club held its first meeting of the season at Students' Hall, Barnard College. The general topic of the meeting was one befitting the great interest which it evoked: The Humanist's Part in the Life of Today; and the speakers were suitably presented by President MacVay as her "exhibits", for the part which several of them are taking in public affairs, no less than the things they were to say, illustrated the theme.

Professor Clifford H. Moore, of Harvard University, who is at present in charge of the War Aims Courses of the Students' Army Training Corps in the New England Colleges, spoke to the title, A Classicist's Creed, and admirably set forth the functions of the Classics in the scheme of modern education, emphasizing especially their stabilizing effect in relation to all other subjects.

Professor Frances E. Sabin, of the University of Wisconsin, whose work in the popularization of High School Latin has made her widely known, suggestively discussed the engaging question, How to make the World feel right about the Study of the Classics.

Dr. James H. Dillard, of the General Education Board, who was formerly Professor of Latin and Dean of Tulane University and is now President of the Boards which administer the Slater and Jeanes Education Funds in the interest of industrial education in the South, gave a genial testimony to the effectiveness of the study of the Classics in the development of both accuracy and culture.

At the luncheon which followed or, more properly, continued the meeting, brief addresses were made by President Woolley, of Mount Holyoke College, Dean West, of Princeton University, Dr. Carl Van Doren, of the Brearley School, and Professor Howes, of Williams College. President Woolley gave an appreciative and cheerful prophecy of the future of classical studies. Dean West set forth the purposes of the proposed new American Classical League, for which a preliminary organization was arranged at the Classical Conference in Pittsburgh last June, of which he was the chairman. Dr. Van Doren, in his address, made an interesting reference to the classical feeling of American statesmanship in the period before the Civil War and broached the far-reaching question of the new heroic cycle to emerge from the conditions surrounding the present war. Professor Howes, who is President of The Classical Association of New England, merged his relations to the Classics and to the Federal Coal Administration in a jovial conclusion to the oratory of the day.

A. P. BALL, *Censor*.

#### THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The first meeting of The Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Liberal Studies for the current year was held on Friday evening, November 8, at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. The meeting took the form of a Symposium on the Value of the Classics. The topics and speakers, as announced, were as follows: Modern Languages, President W. W. Comfort, Haver-